

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of June 16, 2009 in which the Examiner required Applicants to elect a single hyaluronic acid from the species listed in claim 33, Applicants hereby elect species B, without traverse.

In this regard, Applicants hereby submit a new set of claims which only include claims which encompass the elected species.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 51 is the previously presented Claim 50, wherein the sole species elected is included, the latter deriving from the previously presented Claim 33.

Claim 52 is the previously presented Claim 27.

Claim 53 is the previously presented Claim 28.

Claim 54 is the previously presented Claim 29.

Claim 55 is the previously presented Claim 30.

Claim 56 is the previously presented Claim 31.

Claim 57 is the previously presented Claim 32.

Claim 58 is the previously presented Claim 35.

Claim 59 is the previously presented Claim 36.

Claim 60 is the previously presented Claim 46.

Claim 61 is the previously presented Claim 48.

Claim 62 is the previously presented Claim 49.

New claims 51-62 encompass the sole species elected, whereas the previously presented claims 27-50 are withdrawn from consideration.

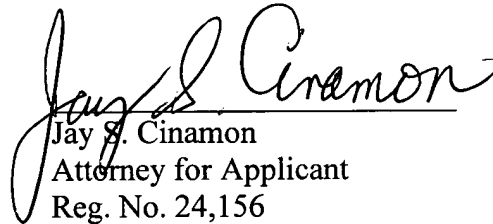
Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Please charge any fees which may be due and which have not been submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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